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LETTER DATED 31 JULY 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance and cause provocation continued over the period 11-20 July 1995.

11 July 1995

1. Northern region: 16 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 70 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, Busayyah, Chabaish and Artawi.

3. On 11 July 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0845 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1005 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1217 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1312 hours.

12 July 1995

1. Northern region: 8 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Dohuk, Zakho, Aqrah, Amadiyah and the area to the north of Mosul.

2. Southern region: 88 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

13 July 1995

Southern region: 38 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah and Artawi.

14 July 1995

1. Southern region: 38 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Busayyah, Amarah, Qal'at Salih and Chabaish.

2. On 14 July 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0412 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 0500 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0645 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 0803 hours.

15 July 1995

1. Northern region: 8 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 46 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Shu'aybah, Qurnah, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

16 July 1995

1. Northern region: 8 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Aqrah, Amadiyah and Tall Afar.

2. Southern region: 66 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, the area to the south of Najaf, Artawi and Busayyah.

17 July 1995

1. Southern region: 78 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Chabaish, Salman and Busayyah.

2. At 2200 hours on 17 July 1995 a hostile two-aircraft formation dropped a heat flare on the city of Basra.

18 July 1995

1. Northern region: 16 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 68 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi, Busayyah and Salman.

19 July 1995

1. Northern region: 10 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Tall Afar and Mosul.

2. Southern region: 41 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Qal'at Salih, Samawah, Busayyah and Artawi.

3. At 1015 hours on 19 July 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 1215 hours.

20 July 1995

1. Northern region: 10 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 65 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Busayyah, Jalibah, Qurnah and Artawi.

3. On 20 July 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0900 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1025 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1205 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1230 hours.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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